

United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Georgia

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Number of Judgeships: 3

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John T. Laney III

Chief Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1942
Education: Mercer 1964 AB, 1966 JD
Began Service: October 1, 1986
Term Expires: October 1, 2014

Legal Practice: Associate, Swift, Pease, Davidson & Chapman (1970-1973); Member, Page, Scrantom, Harris & Chapman (1973-1986)

Military Service: United States Army (1964-1970)

Current Memberships: American Bankruptcy Institute; American Bar Association; American Judicature Society; Columbus Bar Association; Federal Bar Association; National Conference of Bankruptcy Judges; State Bar of Georgia

Staff

Law Clerk **Will Geer** (706) 596-7154
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James D. Walker, Jr.

Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1948
Education: Augusta 1970 BA; South Carolina 1974 JD
Began Service: November 3, 1993
Term Expires: November 3, 2021

Staff

Career Law Clerk **Amber Nickell** (478) 752-8293
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James P. Smith

Bankruptcy Judge

United States District Court for the Northern District of Georgia

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Number of Judgeships: 11

Number of Vacancies: 2

Areas Covered: Counties of Banks, Barrow, Bartow, Carroll, Catoosa, Chattooga, Cherokee, Clayton, Cobb, Coweta, Dade, Dawson, DeKalb, Douglas, Fannin, Fayette, Floyd, Forsyth, Fulton, Gilmer, Gordon, Gwinnett, Habersham, Hall, Haralson, Heard, Henry, Jackson, Lumpkin, Meriwether, Murray, Newton, Paulding, Pickens, Pike, Polk, Rabun, Rockdale, Spalding, Stephens, Towns, Troup, Union, Walker, White and Whitfield

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Julie E. Carnes

Chief Judge

Date of Birth: 1950
Education: Georgia 1972 AB, 1975 JD
Began Service: June 1, 1992
Appointed By: President George H.W. Bush

Staff

Law Clerk **Karl Broder** (404) 215-1510
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Harold L. Murphy

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1927
Education: Georgia 1949 LLB
Began Service: August 9, 1977
Appointed By: President Jimmy Carter

Government: State Representative Harold L. Murphy (GA), Georgia General Assembly (1951-1961); Assistant Solicitor General, Tallapoosa Judicial Circuit, State of Georgia (1956)

Judicial: Superior Court Judge, Georgia Superior Court, Tallapoosa Judicial Circuit (1971-1977)

Legal Practice: Private Practice (1949-1958); Partner, Howe & Murphy (1958-1971)

Military Service: United States Navy (1945-1946)

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; The Joseph Henry Lumpkin American Inn of Court, The American Inns of Court; American Judicature Society; District Judges Association of the Eleventh Circuit; Federal Judges Association; State Bar of Georgia

Staff

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Thomas W. Thrash, Jr.

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1951
Education: Virginia 1973 BA; Harvard 1976 JD
Began Service: August 15, 1997
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton

Academic: Adjunct Professor of Litigation, Georgia State University College of Law (1986-1997)

Government: Assistant District Attorney, County of Fulton, Georgia (1977-1980)

Legal Practice: Associate, McClain, Mellen, Bowling & Hickman (1976-1977); Associate, Ross & Finch (1981-1982); Associate and Non-equity partner, Finch, McCranie, Brown & Blank (1982-1985); Partner, Finch, McCranie, Brown & Thrash (1985-1995); Private Practice (1995-1997)

Current Memberships: Atlanta Bar Association; Cobb County Bar Association; Cobb Justice Foundation; State Bar of Georgia

Chambers of District Judge Thomas W. Thrash, Jr. continued

Staff

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Chambers of District Judge Richard W. Story

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Richard W. Story

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1953
Education: LaGrange 1975 BA; Georgia 1978 JD
Began Service: 1998
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton



Academic: Instructor, North Georgia College & State University (1995)

Government: Special Assistant Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General, State of Georgia (1980-1985)

Judicial: Judge, Hall County Juvenile Court (1985-1986); Judge, Georgia Superior Court, Hall County (1986-1998)

Legal Practice: Partner, Kenyon, Hulsey & Oliver (1978-1986)

Current Memberships: Gainesville Northeastern Bar Association

Staff

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Charles A. Pannell, Jr.

District Judge

Date of Birth: 1946
Education: Georgia 1967 BA, 1970 JD
Began Service: December 1, 1999
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Government: Assistant United States Attorney, Northern District of Georgia, United States Attorney's Office, United States Department of Justice (1971-1972); District Attorney, Conasauga Judicial Circuit, State of Georgia (1977-1979)

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